

We have a significant problem in America. We need to get to the heart of it.

When the chief executive of this Nation lied to a grand jury, it was described as none of our business, that is personal, it does not matter if someone lies before the jury as long as it is about their personal life. Regrettably, what these CEOs are doing is lying to their shareholders. It is equally bad and they should be punished and sent to jail.

RECOGNIZING ED MEZEUL FOR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE TO FULLER BRUSH COMPANY AND ORANGE COUNTY

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Ed Mezeul for 45 years of service as a top-selling Fuller Brush man. Ed proudly served our Nation as a gunner on a ship patrolling the Atlantic coast during World War II, damaging his eardrums in the process. He could have collected disability, but instead, he wore hearing aids and has worked 6 days a week since the 1950s.

At the ripe young age of 55, he moved his family out to Orange County, California, to start a new life, and his hard work and dedication earned him a spot on the Fuller Brush Company's top sellers list each and every month. At a time when the troubles of large companies like Enron and WorldCom are causing American workers to feel insecure about their futures, it is refreshing to hear stories like Ed's that remind us of a time when employees dedicated their entire working careers to companies that were loyal to them also.

WALK FOR HOPE TO CURE BREAST CANCER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, in October thousands of south Floridians will participate in the City of Hope's Walk for Hope to Cure Breast Cancer at Aventura Mall and Sawgrass Mills. Walk for Hope Against Breast Cancer will help raise funds for life-saving research at City of Hope Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute, a National Cancer Institute dedicated comprehensive center.

This walk is just one step in what will be a successful journey toward a cure for breast cancer. This year in south Florida alone almost 3,000 women will die from breast cancer. In addition, over 13,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in my area.

I congratulate event cochairmen of the walk, Lauryn Gilliam, Billy Fischer, Suzanne Chesser, and Cathy Blanchard. I also commend the City of Hope and

all involved with Walk for Hope for their dedication in our battle against breast cancer.

CORPORATE FRAUD

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, President Bush gave a major speech on his plan to curb executive greed and corporate misgovernment. Someone should tell the President, actions speak louder than words.

Responding to his corporate contributors, President Bush supported weak pension and accounting reform bills in the House. He refused to support legislation to close loopholes that allow American companies to avoid U.S. taxes by moving offshore. He has openly supported the idea of turning Medicare and Social Security over to the private sector. Apparently, the President and his Republican allies in the House believe Medicare would be better run by the health insurance industry, major Republican contributors; and Social Security would be safer in the hands of Wall Street, again major Republican contributors.

So my colleagues understand if I view the President's plan to deal with the recent spate of corporate scandals a bit skeptically. To borrow a famous line from a long-ago civil rights speech, "Don't tell me what you believe; tell me what you do, and I'll tell you what you believe."

SUPPORT FOR LESS-THAN-LETHAL PROVISIONS OF ARMING PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM ACT

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, today we will debate H.R. 4635, the Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act. I urge my colleagues, of course, to support this; and I am especially pleased that Chairman MICA of the Subcommittee on Aviation has offered a manager's amendment that has a provision to give authority to flight deck crew to carry less-than-lethal weapons.

This sensible measure supports the National Institute of Justice's findings that less than lethal weapons may also play a role in flight security. The NIJ recently reported to the Subcommittee on Aviation that "Electrical shock weapons show promise for use by the flight deck crew. However, substantial systematic testing in realistic settings of their effects is essential to ensure they will not damage or disable critical flight systems."

So, Mr. Speaker, in addition to firearms, we should expand and explore weapons alternatives that are available to pilots to defend their aircraft.

WE NEED ACTION, NOT RHETORIC

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the President had an opportunity to show strong leadership and get tough with corporate crooks yesterday. His speech was long, 27 minutes, on rhetoric but is short on action.

The Business Roundtable and the National Association of Manufacturers applauded loudly; they endorsed it. Of course, they are the same people who fought every reform that was proposed over the last decade that could have prevented these abuses. They loved the President's proposal because it was short on action.

The aide to the White House said, well, the proposals were watered down over the last few weeks because the President did not want to hurt the economy by imposing too much regulation. Hurt the economy? What has WorldCom done by evaporating \$80 billion of equity, thousands of jobs and people's IRAs and 401(k)s? What has Enron done by manipulating the energy market and driving up energy costs in the western United States by 40 percent, while Ken Lay, the President's favorite guy, stole \$100 million? That is hurting the economy.

We need action, not rhetoric.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, a crook is a crook whether he is dealing drugs in an alleyway or cooking the books to cheat employees and shareholders. If someone commits a crime, they should do the time, and I am glad to say we have a President who understands this. Yesterday, President Bush went right to Wall Street to tell corporate America to clean up its act, and I believe they will.

We should all be clear about one thing, the vast majority of America's corporations are run by honest and trustworthy people. For every Enron and WorldCom, there are thousands of companies who have done nothing wrong at all, but when it comes to corporate executives who are willing to cheat their own employees out of their retirements just to add a couple of dollars to their stock prices, in those cases, we should have zero tolerance.

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Somehow, during the 1990s, some executives decided it was okay to cook the books a little. Well, it is not okay to cook the books, and America's executives need to know if they do cook the books this government is going to come down on them hard.

I applaud the President for his leadership.